

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments to the application and the following remarks.

Regarding the Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because they reference characters “92” and “28” in Fig. 3 as both been used to designate “cable housing” in Fig. 3. Applicant has corrected Fig. 3 to reflect the correct reference.

In response to the Notice of Draftsperson’s Patent Drawing Review Sheet, Form PTO-948, please enter the enclosed corrected drawings Figs. 1-8 (7 sheets) and cancel the previously submitted drawings Figs. 1-8 (5 sheets). Figures 3, 4, 5 and 6 are now filed as separate sheets. The new drawings correct the informalities cited by the Draftsperson. No new matter has been introduced.

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Annotated Sheet Showing Change to Figure 3 (1 sheet)

New Corrected Drawings Figs. 1-8 (7 sheets)

Regarding the Claims

Claims 1-4 have been canceled. Claim 18 has been amended. Currently pending in the application, therefore, are Claims 5-23, of which Claims 5, 11-12, 18, 19 and 23 are independent. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, as being anticipated by Yoshigai. Applicant has canceled Claims 1-4.

Claim 18 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten Claim 18 in independent form.

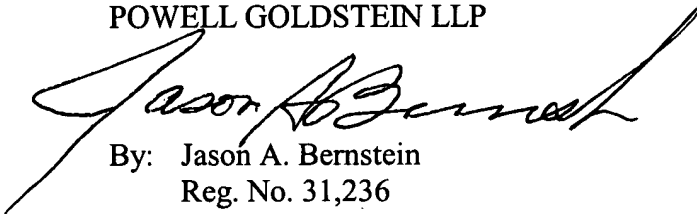
Applicant therefore submits that the amendments overcome the Examiner's rejections and objections and are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests the same.

Some amendments and remarks contained in this document, or in other documents filed or to be filed with the US Patent Office in this case or related cases, may in the future be deemed, by a court of law or government agency of competent jurisdiction, to be narrowing amendments and/or related to patentability. Accordingly, the public is hereby advised that the applicant: (a) intends to relinquish only that claim coverage which is clearly, explicitly, precisely and unequivocally stated to be relinquished; (b) does not intend to relinquish any other claim coverage; (c) reserves the right to assert that any such amendments and/or remarks are not narrowing and/or are not related to patentability; and (d) intends to fully assert the full range of equivalents, under the Doctrine of Equivalents and otherwise, which are presently known or which may become known in the future, for each and every element of each and every claim, and for each and every claim.

Should the Examiner have questions or suggestions which will put this application in line for allowance, he or she is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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